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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF WORKING PAPER AC/281-WP(74)2, APR 10, 1974 (POUCHED) WHICH LISTS FUNCTIONAL AREAS FOR RATIONALIZATION/SPECIALIZATION STUDY, AS REQUESTED BY CHAIRMAN AT EWG MEETING APRIL 8 (REFTEL). BEGIN TEXT:

### INTRODUCTION

1. THE EXEUCTIVE WORKING GROUP AT ITS MEETING ON 8TH APRIL AGREED THAT, AS AN INITIAL STEP IN CARRYING FORWARD THE TUDIES REQUIRED BY THE DEFENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE IN THE CONFIDENTIAL

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FIELD OF RATIONALISATION AND SPECIALISATION(1), THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF SHOULD PREPARE A PAPER LISTING THE FUNCTIONAL AREAS WHICH HAD SO FAR BEEN PUT FORWARD AS POSSIBLE CANDIDATES FOR STUDY IN DEPTH. IN THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS

THEREFORE I HAVE SET OUT THE VARIOUS SUGGESTIONS MADE UNDER  
SEPARATE RUBRICS FOR EACH ORIGINATOR.

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(1) DPC/R(74)6.  
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REPORT TO MINISTERS DPC/D(73)31 - LAND FORCES

2. THE FOLLOWING AREAS WERE LISTED IN THE REPORT  
SUBMITTED TO MINISTERS IN DECEMBER LAST AS OFFERING INTERESTING  
POSSIBILITIES FOR SPECIALISATION IN THE LONGER TERM.

- CORPS UNITS EQUIPPED WITH EXPENSIVE AND/OR SOPHISTICATED  
EQUIPMENT.
- CORPS OPERATIONAL LOGISTICS.
- CORPS TRAINING.
- OBSTACLE CROSSING CAPABILITIES.
- WINTER WARFARE.
- DEFENSIVE MINELAYING.

REPORT OF THE MARITIME SUB-GROUP

3. THE DEFENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE APPROVED THE  
RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE STEERING GROUP WHICH IN TURN DIRECTED  
THE ATTENTION OF THE EXECUTIVE WORKING GROUP TO THE FOLLOWING  
RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING MARITIME FORCES(1):

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(1) LETTER FROM THE NETHERLANDS AMBASSADOR TO THE SECRETARY  
GENERAL DATED 22ND FEBRUARY, 1974, PAGE 33.  
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(A) THE CNAD BE INVITED TO CONSIDER WHAT WORK MIGHT BE  
INITIATED AS A RESULT OF THE CONCLUSIONS OF THIS  
STUDY RELATING, FIRSTLY, TO THE HARMONISATION OF  
NATIONAL PROCUREMENT PROGRAMMES, AND SECONDLY, TO  
POSSIBILITIES FOR STANDARDISATION IN FUTURE UNITS.

(B) EUROLOG, THE PROPOSED SACLANT LOGISTIC CO-ORDINATION  
BOARD, OR ANY OTHER LOGISTICS GROUP WHICH IS  
APPROPRIATELY QUALIFIED, BE INVITED TO CONSIDER THE  
POSSIBILITIES FOR SPECIALISATION OF LOGISTIC SUPPORT  
OF MARITIME FORCES.

(C) THE EURO TRAINING GROUP BE INVITED TO CONSIDER THE

POSSIBILITIES FOR FURTHER SPECIALISATION IN THE  
PROVISION OF TRAINING RESOURCES.

ITEMS RAISED IN DISCUSSION

4. (A) BY THE NETHERLANDS AUTHORITIES:

- ECM SUPPORT AIRCRAFT,
- AIRBORNE EARLY WARNING SYSTEMS (AWACS).
- SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILES SYSTEMS.

(B) BY THE UNITED KINGDOM DELEGATION:

- CONSOLIDATION OF EXISTING COMMUNICATIONS, E.G.  
FULL CO-ORDINATION, JOINT USE AND INTERFACE  
OF NATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE NICS SYSTEM.

ITEMS IN UNITED STATES BRIEFING

5. ALTHOUGH THE ITEMS MENTIONED IN THE UNITED STATES  
BRIEFING(1) WERE SAID TO BE FOR ILLUSTRATIVE PURPOSES ONLY,  
IT HAS BEEN SUGGESTED IN THE DEFENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE(2),  
THAT THE EXECUTIVE WORKING GROUP WOULD WISH TO DISCUSS THESE  
ITEMS FURTHER. THE LIST WHICH WAS SET OUT IN MATRIX FORM  
INCLUDED:

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- (A) HIGHLY SPECIALISED AIRCRAFT.
- (B) EXPENSIVE SHIPES.
- (C) NIKE AIR DEFENCE.
- (D) ADMINISTRATIVE AND LOGISTIC SUPPORT.
- (E) GROUND SUPPORT/DAY FIGHTERS.
- (F) COMBAT BRIGADES.
- (G) MINE WARFARE VESSELS.
- (H) ASW PATROL AIRCRAFT.
- (I) WAR RESERVES.
- (J) CONSOLIDATION OF EXISTING COMMUNICATIONS. (SEE  
ALSO PARAGRAPH 4(B) ABOVE).

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- (1) CIRCULATED TO DELEGATES ON 1ST MARCH, 1974.  
(2) DPC/R(74)6.
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LOGISTIC SPECIALISATION STUDY

6. THE REPORT FROM THE SUB-GROUP ON LOGISTICS WILL SHORTLY BE CIRCULATED IN DRAFT FORM TO DELEGATIONS. SUBJECT TO ANY CHANGES WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED BY COUNTRIES THE REPORT CONTAINS THE FOLLOWING SUGGESTIONS:

A. PRODUCER LOGISTICS

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE SUGGESTED FOR FURTHER EVALUATION AS TO THEIR SUITABILITY FOR SPECIALISATION (COUNTRIES ALREADY CO-OPERATING IN THE FIELDS CONCERNED ARE ALSO SHOWN):

(I) RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ON PHYSICS AND ELECTRONICS, CHEMICAL DEFENCE, AND EXPLOSIVES AND AMMUNITION. ,35#/NO/UK

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(II) NIGHT VISION. GE/NETH

(III) STANDARDISATION OF CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS. BE/GE/NETH/IT

(IV) MARITIME PARTROL AIRCRAFT NMPO-80 FOLLOW-ON TYPE PROJECT. GE/NETH/FR

(V) GROUND SUPPORT ROCKET SYSTEM - RS80. GE/UK/IT

(VI) FUTURE MAIN BATTLE TANK - FMBT. GE/UK

(VII) PTRAMIGAN COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM POSSIBLE EUROCOM  
PROJECT. NETH/UK

(VIII) SHORT-RANGE REMOTABLY DELIVERABLE MINE SYSTEM.  
GE/UK

(IX) BRIDGING EQUIPMENT. GE/UK/US

(X) BENESAM  
STUDIES ON STANDARDISATION OF WEAPONS SYSTEMS,  
COMMON STORAGE FACILITIES, COMMON MISSILES AND  
TORPEDOES, COMMON STOCKPILING OF NAVAL SHIP SPARES.  
BE/NETH

(XI) SEASPARROW SEA-AIR MISSILE. BE/DK/NETH/NO/AE

(XII) MCM CONFIGURATION. BE/NETH/UK/FR

#### B. CONSUMER LOGISTICS

(I) 35MM TWIN AIR DEFENCE WEAPON SYSTEM. (FOLLOW  
ON SUPPLY, MAINTENANCE AND MODIFICATION OF THE  
LEOPARD TANK). BE/GE/IT/NETH/NO

(II) CONSOLIDATED PROCUREMENT OF COMMON AMMUNITION.

(III) SUPPLY/MAINTENANCE OF NAVAL  
MAIN PROPULSION GAS TURBINES. NETH/UK

(IV) CALIBRATION.

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(V) MOVEMENT AND TRANSPORTATION WITHIN LINES OF COMM-  
UNICATION.

(VI) MAINTENANCE OF POL STOCKS IN ACCHAN.

(VII) MEDICAL SUPPORT.

(VIII) PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR TESTING OF NEW  
EQUIPMENT.

(IX) SUPPLY OF NAVAL SPARE PARTS BY UNITED STATES  
TO DENMARK, GERMANY AND NORWAY TO BE EXTENDED  
TO BELGIUM.

(X) GROUND RULES FOR THE SCRUTINY OF PROPOSALS FOR THE  
LOGISTIC SUPPORT OF MULTI-NATIONAL PROJECTS AT THE  
EARLIEST STAGE OF DEVELOPMENT.

IN THE MAJORITY OF CASES THE SUB-GROUP FOR LOGISTICS HAS ALSO  
MADE RECOMMENDATIONS AS TO THE MOST SUITABLE FORA (CNADS,

EUROGROUP, ETC) FOR FUTURE WORK TO TAKE PLACE. ONCE THESE RECOMMENDATIONS HAVE BEEN AGREED BY COUNTRIES THEY SHOULD BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION WHEN THE EXECUTIVE WORKING GROUP CONSIDERS THE ALLOCATION OF FUTURE WORK (SEE BELOW).

FUTURE WORK

7. THE EXECUTIVE WORKING GROUP HAS AGREED THAT THE ITEMS LISTED ABOVE SHOULD BE DISCUSSED AT AN EARLY DATE. IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT THE OBJECT OF THIS DISCUSSION WILL BE TO SELECT AN INITIAL NUMBER OF ITEMS WHICH ARE SUITABLE FROM BOTH A MILITARY AND A POLITICAL POINT OF VIEW FOR STUDY AND FOR SUBSEQUENT SUBMISSION TO MINISTERS AS REALISTIC PROJECTS FOR SPECIALISATION OR REATIONALISATION. FURTHER SUGGESTIONS BOTH FROM COUNTRIES AND THE NATO MILITARY AUTHORITIES HAVE BEEN INVITED(1) AND SHOULD BE FORWARDED TO THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF OR PUT FORWARD IN THE EXEUCTIVE WORKING GROUP.

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